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## **PRESS**

**Cronkite News Arizona** (Gabriel Sandler) [Received 4/10] – OPEN – Reporter would like to know if agency has data on impacts of rodenticides on great horned owl and other wildlife. Reached out to pesticides program manager, waiting for response. LND, AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan

**LA Times** (Tony Barboza) [Received 4/10]—OPEN—Reporter sent a list of questions regarding Exide. Reporter is asking about EPA's involvement, why EPA hasn't considered the site for and NPL and what upcoming assistance we plan on providing DTSC for addressing lead in the area. Working on gathering information from various programs. DDL, 4/12. SoCal. SFUND/LND, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Inside EPA** (Suzanne Yohannan) [Received 4/10] – OPEN – Producer had questions regarding press release that Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) issued about EPA's review of soil samples at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Working with program on response. DDL: 4/13. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**KQED** (Lesley McClurg) [Received 4/10] – CLOSED – Reporter is working on a story about the need to resample the soil at Hunter's Point. Provided written response, including referral to the Navy for questions about their next steps. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 4/6] – OPEN – Reporter has questions about Bayview Hunters Point site and recent results regarding buildings on Parcel A. Working with program on written response. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**Vice News** (Belle Cushing) [Received 4/4]—OPEN—Producer is looking to get some information on U.S.- Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program and would like to speak with someone on background to hear about ongoing projects and funding. Working on gathering information from program. SoCal. WTR/BDR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Hawaii Public Radio** (Catherine Cruz) – Working to set up a specific time for an live interview on May 17 with ARA Strauss on the reporter's show "The Conversation" – also working out alternatives to being on the live show, as the developing visit schedule may only allow for a recorded interview (reporter even encouraged a recorded segment to assist us with fitting it into Alexis' schedule). Dean Higuchi

# **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social Media:

Air Sensors Research – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about upcoming webinars and linked to our <u>Air and Energy Webinars</u> Emerging Sensor Technologies 2014-2018 Progress Report page.

#### Web Updates:

Air Implementation Plans – Posted a link to our <u>Approved Air Quality Implementation Plans in Hawaii</u> page on our <u>Approved Air Quality Implementation Plans in Region 9</u> page.

**Website Maintenance** – Updated links on several web pages to redirect the links to newer content that is more up-to-date or to the archive if up-to-date content is not available.

# **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13): Brent Maier has offered up a call for Wednesday, April 11, at 3:00pm with June Williams in the Senator's San Francisco Office and Xavier Johnson in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office who are both interested in a briefing on EPA's upcoming lead cleanup and study activities in West Oakland. Received confirmation of June Williams' and Xavier Johnson's availability for this call.

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13): At the request of Chief of Staff Amy Miller, Brent Maier has reached out to Joshua Quigley, District Director in the Congresswoman's Oakland Office to set up two meetings. The 1<sup>st</sup> would be a meeting here at our Regional Office at 75 Hawthorne St in San Francisco and would include a presentation and full discussion on what EPA is doing on lead in Oakland, and would also include an update on Brownfield sites in Oakland. The dates offered up for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting are Thursday, April 19, sometime between 1:00pm – 4:00pm or on Monday April 23, between 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Deldi Reyes would take the lead on organizing the discussion for this meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting would be a follow up meeting in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office that would focus on City of Oakland/Port of Oakland issues. This meeting would involve Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss, Amy Miller, Richard Grow and Desean Garnett and let Joshua know that the best date for this meeting would be Friday, May 4, in the afternoon sometime between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Awaiting word back from Joshua Quigley on these two meeting requests.

EPA HQ to Meet with California Water Districts: A delegation representing the Boards of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the Triunfo Sanitation District, in Calabasas and Ventura, California, respectively, met today with Office of Water, Region IX, and OIR staff to discuss water recycling projects the districts are working on. The group is also interested in the WIFIA program, and looking forward to dialogue and updates. Representing the Districts: Glen Peterson, President of the Board of Directors, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Jay Lewitt, Member of the Board of Directors, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; David Pedersen, General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communication Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Michael Paule, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Triunfo Sanitation District; Mark Norris, General Manager, Triunfo Sanitation District; and James Wall, Director, Triunfo Sanitation District. Region 9 Water Division's Roger Gorke and Brent Maier participated in the call.

Congressional Outreach on Community Involvement Plan for the McClellan Business Park: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Congresswoman Doris Matsui a copy of the U.S. EPA's Community Involvement Plan dated March 2018 for the McClellan Business Park.

Congressional Outreach on Mariano Lake and Smith Lake Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) - Flyer on Upcoming April 21, 2018, Meeting and Open House: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Congressman Tom O'Halleran an EPA flyer regarding an upcoming meeting/open house on April 21, 2018. USEPA, Navajo EPA and mining companies will give a presentation on the uranium history in the Mariano Lake and Smith Lake Chapters, along with providing updates on their current work. USEPA will give a presentation on the general clean-up options considered.

Tomorrow - Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Jacqueline Howells, Representative of Valley Center Municipal Water District in Southern California: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss SRF loan for title 16 water reclamation project. Region 9 will be participating via teleconference.

Tomorrow - Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee: The Environment and Public Works Committee is holding a hearing Wednesday to discuss a bipartisan bill, S. 2602, the "Utilizing Significant Emissions With Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act." EPW Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) introduced the bill last month to make several changes to federal law, including amending the Clean Air Act to direct U.S. EPA in supporting carbon utilization and air capture research. Under the bill, the Council on Environmental Quality would be called upon to establish guidance on CO2 pipelines and carbon capture facilities, and clarify that projects qualify under the permitting review process established by the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The bill would also establish task forces in consultation with federal agencies to advance carbon-capture technologies and identify permitting challenges, and set up a federal Direct Air Capture Technology Advisory Board. 10:15 a.m. ET in 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Witnesses: Mark Northam, director of the School of Energy Resources at the University of Wyoming; Julio Friedmann, former Department of Energy official and CEO of Carbon Wrangler LLC; Noah Deich, executive director for the Center for Carbon Removal; and Feng Jiao, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and associate director for the Center for Catalytic Science & Technology at the University of Delaware.

https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=55DD866C-BEE0-49C7-8491-E042F051C947

## Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

**Thursday, April 12, 2018 – House Natural Resources Committee -** House Natural Resources' Energy Subcommittee <u>holds hearing</u> on Navajo Generating Station's benefits to local economies.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier has confirmed a follow up call for Thursday, April 12, at 2:00pm with Kristina Solberg in the Senator's Fresno Office to discuss the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) with our Superfund staff/managers. Brent previously shared information we had shared with Sen. Kamala Harris and Rep. Jimmy Panetta's office on CCMA. Superfund's Lynn Keller, Kelly Manheimer, Caleb Shaffer, Dan Stralka, Dana Barton and Rusty Harris-Bishop and Land Division's Jeanne Geselbracht and ORC's Sara Goldsmith are included in the calendar invite.

Friday, April 13, 2018 – House Energy & Commerce Committee: The House Energy and Commerce Committee's environment panel will hold an April 13 hearing on "challenges and opportunities" related to high-octane fuels and fuelefficient vehicles. The hearing comes as EPA is preparing to roll back Obama-era standards for vehicles' greenhouse gas emissions, and is also weighing the future of the renewable fuel system (RFS).

https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/high-octane-fuels-high-efficiency-vehicles-challenges-opportunities/

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Special Election in Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District:** The Special Election takes place to fill the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat vacated by former Rep. Trent Franks. Republican candidate Debbie Lesko will face-off against Democratic candidate Hiral Tipirneni.

Week of April 23, 2018 (Day/Time TBD) – House Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

**Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Energy and Commerce Committee:** FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Tuesday – Wednesday, May 1 – 2, 2018: Mayors Water Council Convenes May 1 – 2, 2018: EPA's Office of Water has been invited to participate in USCM's Mayors Water Council's Washington, DC meeting as member mayors convene to discuss a number of priorities. OIR is working with USCM and OW staff on the request. Broad discussion topics include: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Policies of Inclusion and Innovation; Water and Sewer Infrastructure Financing; Public Water Affordability and Integrated Planning; and, Regulatory Review. Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross has been invited to engage in dialogue with the mayors as they take the opportunity to familiarize him with their perspectives on such matters of interest as: WOTUS; Regions and Consent Decrees (stormwater); Water Reuse Guidance; Guidance on Financial Capability; Integrated Planning; and, the Lead and Copper Rule. AA Ross is unavailable, and Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, will appear in his stead. The Council has also invited OW leads for the MS4 Pilot Projects, and the WIFIA Program to appear with overviews, and engage in discussions. Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA) is Chair of the Council. Over thirty mayors from a cross-section of the country serve on the Council. AA Ross last addressed the Council on January 24, 2018, during USCM's Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed EPA's priority programs WIFIA, SRFs, and those involving Integrated Stormwater Management Planning and he listened to member mayors about their concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon